

Greenways and Trails Tidbits

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TN. Dept. of Environment and Conservation - Division of Recreation Educational Services (RES)

The Commissioner's Council on Greenways and Trails had their quarterly meeting on November 30, 2005 at the Ellington Agricultural Center. The Council broke up in 3 committees, Planning, Education/Communication and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) to work on goals for 2006.

TDEC- Division of Recreation Educational Services (RES).

The RTP Recreation Trail Program (**RTP**) provides grant funds for motorized, non-motorized and diverse use trail projects for local, state and federal agencies and their private trail user group partners in Tennessee. March 1, 2006 is the application period deadline and you can download a RTP grant application at the following website, <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/recreation/rtp.php> . For additional information or questions, call the Recreation Educational Services Division at 615-532-0748.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Recreation Trail Program (RTP)

The FHWA **RTP** website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/index.htm> . For more information and resource on trail and bicycle facilities go to: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/trailpub.htm> .

Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT) September 17 – 24, 2005 <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/BRAT/>

Planning has started for the 17th BRAT and the 2006 route will be in West Tennessee starting at Natchez Trace State Park. For more information, call Danny McCullough at 931-686-BIKE or go to the website listed above.

American Hiking Society (from their website) www.AmericanHiking.org

Put June 3, 2006 on your calendar and get ready for National Trails Day (NTD). Join with thousands of trail users across the nation to celebrate NTD. For more information about local events, go to the American Hiking Society webpage, <http://www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/index.html> .

Cumberland Trail Conference (from their website) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/act.html>

Congratulations to the CTC for a successful year of trail construction on the Rock/Possum/Soddy Creek section of the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail (CTSST). Over 400 volunteers have participated in the construction of the CTSST in 2005.

Please go to the website to see photos of the trail work and for further information concerning the 2006 work programs.

International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) www.imba.com (Fall 2005 Trail News)

IMBA has an excellent trail construction manual, Trail Solutions, IMBA's Guide to Building Sweet Single-track, http://www.imba.com/resources/trail_building/trail_solutions.html. is now available. This 272 page book with color photos discusses all aspects of trail building from basic construction techniques to armoring those mushy, low lying wet spots. Excellent resource written by folks who have hands on trail building experience.

Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) website www.tennesseetrails.org (November, 2005 newsletter)

The TTA Annual Meeting at Monteagle, TN was an unqualified success and the proceeds from the Saturday night Auction will be used to help build trails statewide. The Evan Means Grant Program is currently accepting applications and the deadline to submit applications is December 31, 2005. For more information go to: <http://www.tennesseetrails.org/grants.php>

Trail Tracks, published by American Trails, Summer 2005, Volume 34, Number 2, page 9; www.NTTP.net
Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Recreation Trails Program, in partnership with the USDA Forest Service Technology and Development Program, has many Forest Service Publications available to the public. Many are available on the web and some are available in hard copy.

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Go to the website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails.

Windrock ATV Club <http://www.windrockatv.com/>

The Club's annual Fall Event will be the 2005 Poker Run to be held on October 20-22, 2005 at the Coal Creek OHV Area. For more information on the event, go to the club website.

Chattanooga Times Free Press, 12-07-05, <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/10359171/>

Tennessee's U.S. Senators Lamar Alexander and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-TN., are co-sponsoring a bill to study the expansion of the land routes of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The bill is the Senate's version of a measure Rep. Zach Wamp, R-TN., introduced in the House in March, 2005. The two segments to be studied are called the Bengie and Bell routes and they began at Fort Payne, Ala., and Charleston, TN., respectively.

Information provided in this newsletter is taken from other sources and it is recommended that you go to those sources directly for complete information about an activity or event.



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